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INFO AMEMBASSY MANILA

C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 4943

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR ID RP US

SUBJ: MALIK ON US BASES

REF: A. JAKARTA 4876 B. MANILA 5326 C. JAKARTA 4666 D. JAKARTA 4875

1. I CAN UNDERSTAND AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN'S CONCERN OVER  
MALIK FREE-WHEELING.

2. BY NOW MANILA WILL HAVE RECEIVED OUR REPORT (REF A)  
ON MALIK'S STATEMENTS TO PRESS ADVOCATING US WITHDRAWAL  
FROM BASES. AS STATED THEREIN WE HAVE CONSIDERABLE  
REASON BELIEVE THIS LATEST RESTATEMENT OF MALIK'S LONG  
HELD VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT DOES NOT REPRESENT POSITION OF  
PRESIDENT SUHARTO OR INDONESIAN MILITARY LEADERSHIP. RECENT  
CONFIRMATION OF THIS WAS MY CONVERSATIO WITH GENERAL  
SUDHARMONO, REPORTED REF C, IN WHICH HE AGREED THAT  
INDONESIAN MILITARY STILL HOPE FOR US HELP AND PRESENCE.

3. I EXPECT TO HAVE TO TREAT WITH MALIK AS FOREIGN MINISTER  
FOR SOME TIME TO COME AND BELIEVE BEST WAY MEET  
THIS PROBLEMS IS FOR ME TO SEE HIM, REFER TO CONVERSATIONS  
WE HAVE HAD WITH INDONESIAN MILITARY, AND ASK  
HIM WHAT HE UNDERSTANDS GOI POLICY TOWARD US PRESENCE  
IN AREA TO BE. SUBJECT TO DEPARTMEN'S AND MANILA'S  
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VIEWS I WOULD POINT OUT US BASES IN AREA HAVE NOT BECOME

POLITICAL PROBLEM. EVEN CHINESE HAVE BEEN QUIET  
ON SUBJECT. IT WOULD BE REGRETTABLE IF INDONESIA, WHICH  
MAY ACTUALLY WISH CONTINUED US MILITARY PRESENCE,  
SHOULD BEGIN MOVEMENT AGAINST BASES WHICH FORM IMPORTANT  
PART OF THAT PRESENCE. I WOULD ALSO POINT OUT  
THAT PHILIPPINE BASE ISSUE NOW UNDER DISCUSSION IN BILATERAL  
BASIS BETWEEN US AND PHILIPPINES AND IS ESSENTIALLY  
A MATTER BETWEEN THESE TWO COUNTRIES.

4. SINCE MALIK WILL ALSO FEEL OBLIGED EXPLAIN HIS  
MEETING WITH ME TO PRESS, I SHOULD BE PRIMED FOR PRESS  
QUESTIONS FOLLOWING MEETING. ON BASES, I WOULD TAKE  
POSITION THIS IS MATTER BETWEEN PHILIPPINES AND US AND  
ONE ALWAYS UNDER REVIEW IN LIGHT OF COMMON INTEREST BE-  
TWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

5. I WOULD EXPECT WE CAN GET MALIK TO AVOID REPEATING  
HIS VIEWS ON BASES; I DOUBT THAT, IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES  
WE CAN GET PUBLIC REPUDIATION BY GOI.  
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